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Labor chief: Workers need help

But Palace won't certify bill hiking minimum daily wage by ₱125

By Philip C. Tubeza

WHILE overall inflation apparently settled at 4.3 percent in March, Labor Secretary Rosalinda Baldoz said the country's workers still needed relief because the crisis in the Middle East would be expected to continue.

Baldoz yesterday noted that the purchasing power of Metro Manila workers has "eroded" by P7.40 while the inflation rate in some regions has breached the government target of 4 percent for the whole year because of increases in the prices of basic commodities, oil and transportation.

On Monday Baldoz said regional wage boards were studying whether workers should get a wage increase or an increase in the cost-of-living allowance (cola) because of the recent price hikes.

According to the National Statistics Office (NSO), the national inflation rate stood at 4.3 percent in March, the same level as that of February and lower than the 4.4 percent registered in March 2010.

In Metro Manila, the inflation rate dropped from 4.6 percent in February to 4.0 percent in March but in areas outside the capital, it rose from 4.2 to 4.5 percent.

Moreover, 11 regions recorded "higher" inflation rates with prices in the Zamboanga Peninsula rising by 5.5 percent and those in Cagayan Region by 5.4 percent.

Because of this and the oil price increases as a result of the continuing Middle East crisis, Baldoz said the National Wages and Productivity Commission (NWPC) and regional wage boards should determine if the recent spate of price increases constituted a "supervening event" that would necessitate a wage hike.

The NWPC defines a supervening event as "extraordinary increases in the prices of petroleum products and basic goods and commodities."

"The extraordinary increase is sudden (and) always such that the inflation target is reached and is then prolonged or sustained (for a) period of three to six months," Baldoz explained.

No resolution in sight

But the situation of a prolonged and sustained increase may no longer apply as "it is not likely that the Middle East crisis which is fueling the crisis in petroleum will be resolved soon," she said.

Once the NWPC and the regional wage boards rule that there is a supervening event, they would then hold consultations and public hearings to determine the amount of the increase in wages or allowances.

There have only been three instances when the wage boards intervened because of a supervening event: during 1990 Persian Gulf War; in 2005 when the value added tax was imposed and there was an oil crisis; and in 2008 when there was a rice and oil crisis.

In all three instances, the wage boards only increased workers' cola and "did not touch their wages," Baldoz said.

Malacañang yesterday said President Aquino would not certify as urgent a militant party-list group's longstanding proposal for a P125 wage increase.

Communications Secretary Ricky Carandang also denied Mr. Aquino had supported the measure when he was still a congressman.

Carandang said the administration would rather that wage increases be taken up in the regional wage boards rather than in Congress.

"Our concern here is if you legislate a wage increase across the board, regardless of what industry they're in, regardless of what the employment picture is in that particular region, you might cause dislocation in wages," he told a news briefing.

He said a legislated nationwide wage hike would cause "inflation pressures."

"When you increase wages without an increase in productivity the prices of goods eventually go up. We have to be very careful about considering legislated wage increases," he said.

Carandang explained that when Mr. Aquino supported when he was a member of the House and the Senate was a bill to increase penalties for companies that were not complying with the minimum wage law. *With Norman Bordadora*

House to tap the Firm for Merci's Senate trial

By Gil Cabacungan Jr.

THE HOUSE prosecution team in the impeachment trial of Ombudsman Merceditas Gutierrez is considering asking "The Firm," former President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo's disaffected private lawyers, to provide it with some legal muscle in Gutierrez's trial next month.

Team member Iloilo Rep. Rodolfo Fariñas said the Villaraza Cruz Marcelo & Angangco law office—known as as "The Firm" because of its influential presence during the Ramos and Arroyo administrations—would be a "welcome" addition to the prosecution team considering that one of its managing partners, Gutierrez's predecessor Simeon Marcelo, was a key member of the team that prosecuted deposed President Joseph Estrada in his impeachment trial in 2000.

A source from the law firm, whose founding partners include former Arroyo presidential legal counsels Avelino Cruz, Justice Antonio Carpio and ex-Defense Secretary Avelino Cruz, said they were ready to help in the impeachment, Fariñas said.

Since its establishment 31 years ago, the Firm's biggest clients have been Arroyo and her husband, Jose Miguel "Mike" Arroyo. The Firm used to hold office at the LTA building in Makati owned by Mike Arroyo's family and has benefited from the couple's rise to power with key appointments in government.

But the firm had a bitter falling out with Arroyo after Carpio and Cruz went against her drive to change the Constitution through a people's initiative. The Firm has since become one of Arroyo's critics and has now moved its offices out of the LTA to its own building at the Fort Bonifacio Global City.

Fariñas said it is still to be determined whether The Firm would be asked to field one of its lawyers to the trial or just provide research to the team.

The final lineup of the 11-member prosecution team and the choice of private lawyers will be announced by House Speaker Feliciano Belmonte who said, when asked, that he still did not know whether the Firm would be part of the prosecution.

Not everyone is all that keen to join the impeachment prosecution team, however. The recruit law fraternities from Ateneo de Manila University—Cesareo Aniceto Singson Jr., Fidenan Ray Jerez and Jo Nuña T. Bonga—turned down offers to be part of the litigation team, Fariñas said.

China open for Spratlys talks in P-Noy visit

By Jerry E. Esplanada

NOTING THAT diplomatic relations between Beijing and Manila were "becoming more and more mature," Chinese Ambassador to the Philippines Liu Jianchao said China was open to discussing the conflict over the Spratlys and other bilateral issues during President Aquino's upcoming state visit to Beijing.

"We're open for dialogue, consultation and we'll be very happy to discuss with the Philippine government and the President issues that both sides are interested in," Liu said at a diplomatic reception hosted by designated Foreign Affairs Secretary Albert del Rosario at a Makati City hotel.

"Everything can be talked about," he said.

He expressed confidence the talks would be held in "a very broad-based spirit of goodwill and in the spirit of seeking a well-measured settlement of this issue."

"We can work out ways to maintain peace and stability in the region where we have dispute(s)."

The Philippines recently dispatched a military plane to the Spratlys, west of Palawan, after a research ship contracted by the Department of Energy complained that it was "harassed" by Chinese Navy patrols in the area.

The Spratly islands, which are believed to be on an offshore oil belt, are claimed by China, Vietnam and the Philippines. Parts of it are also claimed by Malaysia and Indonesia.

"For now we have the wisdom to keep stability and peace in this region and at the same time, all of us will benefit from a stable and peaceful region," he said.

According to Liu, "if we can cooperate in this region in exploring and developing the resources, it's going to be a wonderful arrangement."

"At the same time, we can reduce the sources of all conflicts," he also said.

Liu reiterated that China "respects the relations between the US and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (which groups the Philippines and nine other countries)."

"Actually we will be very much willing to see the improvement of relations between the US and Asean," he said, adding that good relations based on "good faith and goodwill" will benefit peace and stability in the region.

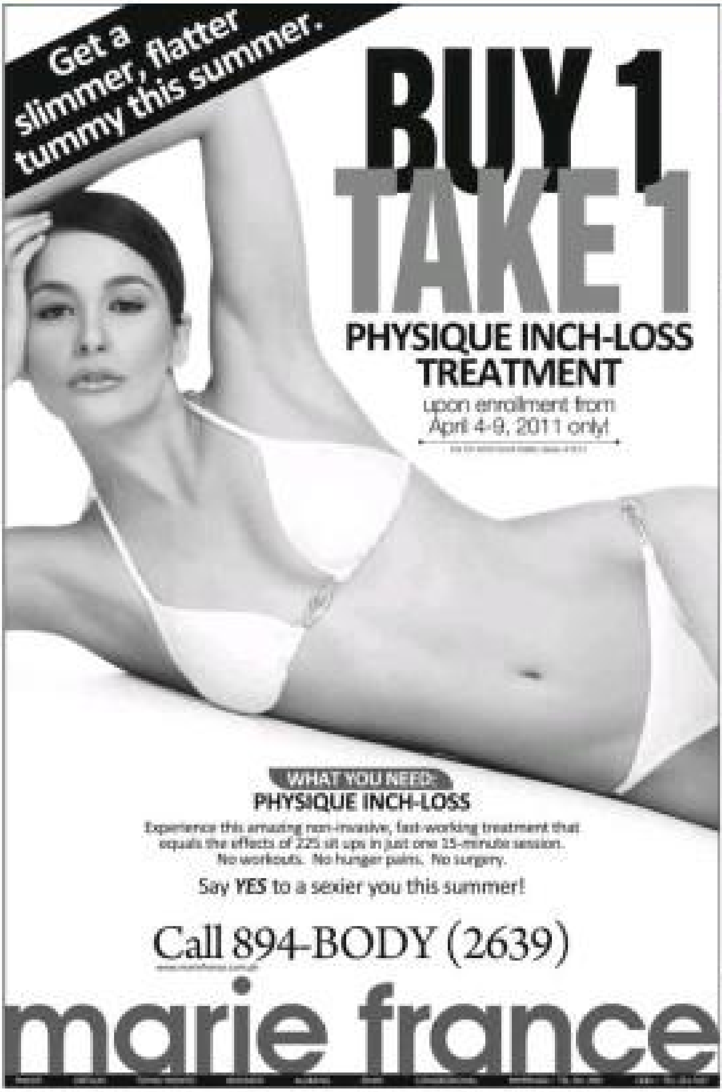
China, he claimed, is "also ready to work with Asean and the US in preserving peace and stability and in particular promoting prosperity (in the region)."

On Mr. Aquino's trip to China, Liu said "we're working with the Department of Foreign Affairs on the preparations for the President's visit."





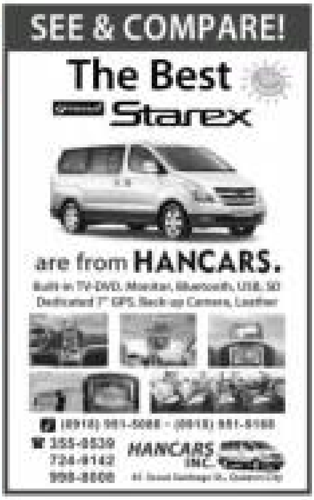









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FIGHTING THE PALACE

Deputy Ombudsman hangs tough

By Leila B. Salaverria

LIKE HIS embattled superior, Deputy Ombudsman Emilio Gonzalez III is aiming to fight it out to keep his post.

Gonzalez yesterday said he would exhaust all legal means to contest his dismissal by Malacañang.

He rejected the grounds for his firing, insisting that he had neither sat on the case of hostage-taker Rolando Mendoza nor demanded a bribe from him.

"I will exhaust all legal means (to clear my name) because I believe my conscience is clear and I am not guilty of the accusations against me," Gonzalez said in a statement e-mailed to reporters.

Gonzalez, the Deputy Ombudsman for the military and other law enforcement offices, was fired by Malacañang last week for "neglect and misconduct amounting to betrayal of public trust."

Neglect, misconduct

Gonzalez was faulted for the delay in resolving the case of Mendoza, the disgraced former policeman who took a tourist bus hostage on Aug. 23, 2010, in a desperate bid to be reinstated after losing his job over extortion allegations.

The hostage-taker had complained that his motion for reconsideration appealing his dismissal was taking too long to be resolved. He also accused Gonzalez of allegedly trying to extort P150,000 from him.

A bungled rescue attempt by police caused Mendoza to go on a shooting rampage, at the end of which eight Hong Kong tourists and the hostage-taker ended up dead.

Cleared by peers

The Office of the Ombudsman earlier said it would not yet implement the Palace order dismissing Gonzalez as it was not yet final and executory. It also said that the Ombudsman's own internal investigation board had already cleared Gonzalez of any wrongdoing in relation to the hostage-taking crisis.

In his statement yesterday, Gonzalez said Mendoza's motion for reconsideration had been handled properly.

"We acted on it according to the process followed by our office. And we will prove this in court," he said.

He said he had never asked for P150,000 from Mendoza. In fact, he said he had long been asking who Mendoza had talked with regarding the request for the money, but he had not received an answer.

He also said his conscience had informed him that he had been subjected to a lifestyle check, but the investigation turned up nothing against him.

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Enrile: Ethics case vs Lacson won't prosper

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Senate President Juan Ponce Enrile has indicated that a case filed against Lacson by the Volunteers Against Crime and Corruption (VACC) in the ethics committee would not prosper.

The ethics committee hopes to convene next month when Congress resumes session to tackle the case the VACC filed in September 2010, eight months after Lacson went on the lam to avoid arrest in connection with the [illegible] murder charges.

"I don't think it will prosper, that's my opinion," said Enrile in a recent radio interview, stopping short of explaining why.

He said it was only logical for Lacson to avoid the authorities that were seeking to take him into custody.

"If you assumed were out of the country, and your perceived enemy is the government, are you going to put yourself under the protection of [that] government?" he said. [illegible]

Across the NATION

3 Quezon dads bare 'jueteng' payoff

Bishop Cruz says racket continues and asks 'why?'



CRUZ

By Jocelyn R. Uy

THREE councilors from Infanta, Quezon, yesterday exposed links of higher officials in the municipal government to jueteng operating under the guise of Small Town Lottery (STL).

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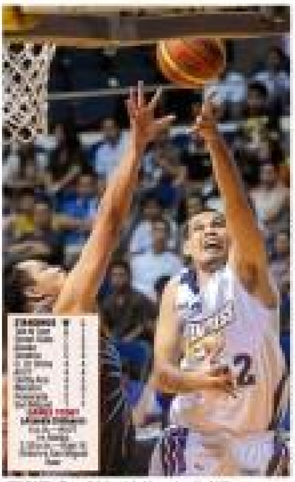
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Malarayat pro's 69 holds off ICTSI Classic faves

By Cedelf P. Tupas



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By Jasmine W. Payo and Cedelf P. Tupas

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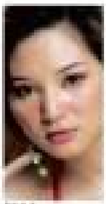
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By Mika Calleja

Charges against starlet junked

By Nancy C. Carvajal

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PAULA

Cop in torture video asks court to stay his dismissal

By Jaymee T. Gamil

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2 rob suspects shot dead by cops in Quezon City

By Niña C. Carvajal

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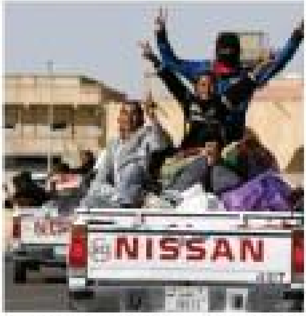
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2 foreigners found dead in Pasay, Makati

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The WORLD

Saudi Arabia seen as key to peaceful power transfer in Yemen



LIBYAN youth residents of Brega gesture while riding at the back of a pickup truck as their convoy enters Ajdabiya after fleeing their town during an exchange of fire with pro-Gadhafi forces.

Libya offers reforms but Gadhafi must stay

TRIPOLI—Libya's government said on Tuesday it was ready to negotiate reforms but dashed Western hopes that Moammar Gadhafi may step down, saying he is a unifying figure after ruling the nation for four decades.

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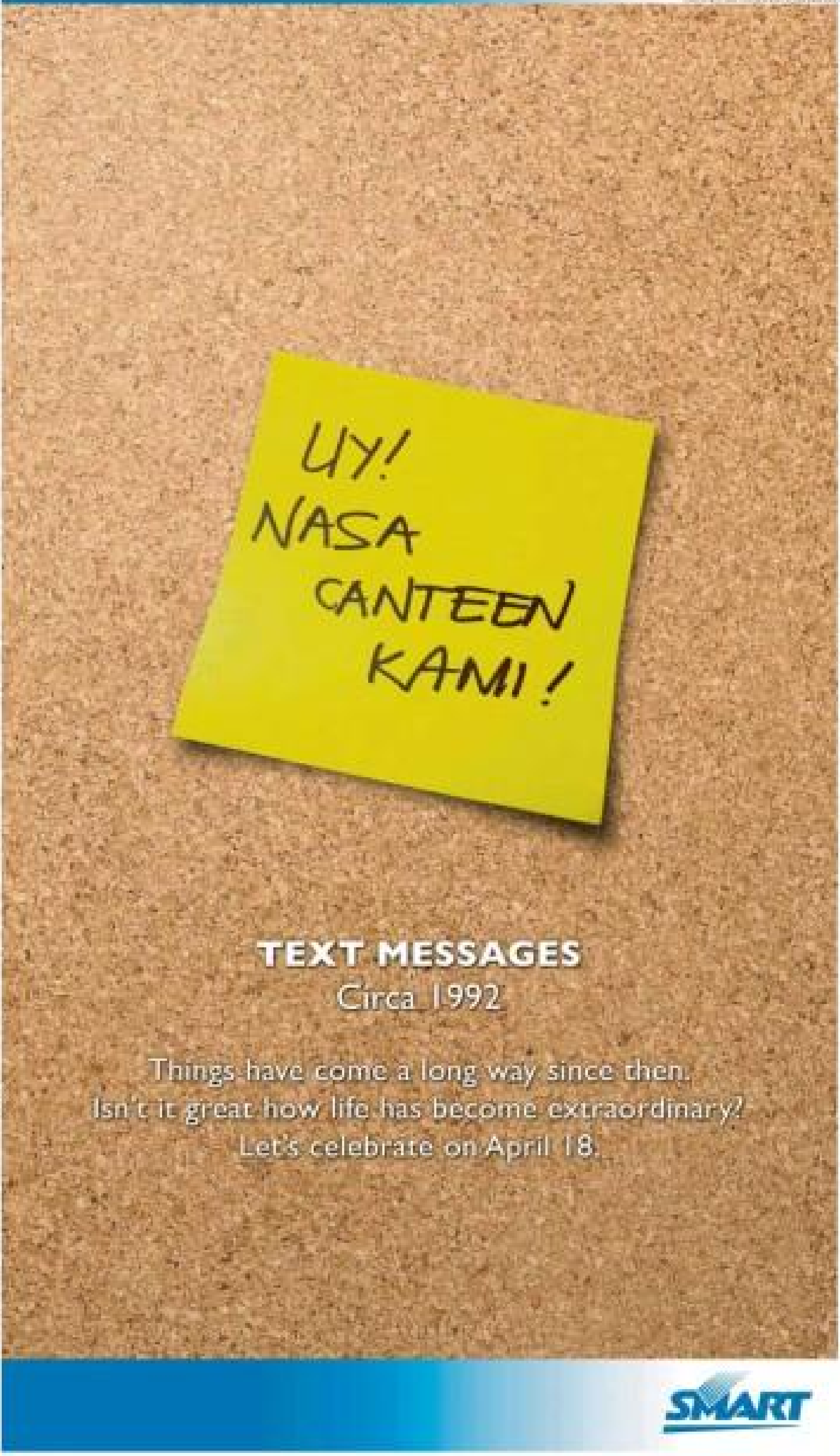
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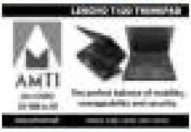
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His remains lie in his humble abode,
20 Inland Road, Merville Park, Parañaque City.

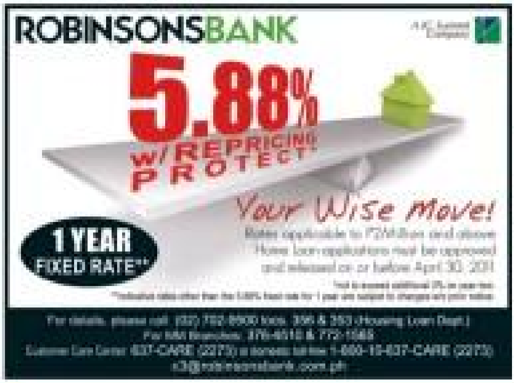
Death Notice

Joaleno (Boggey) N. Arias Jr.

died on March 22, 2011 at the age of 51.

Interment will be on April 7, 2011, Thursday

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."
(2 Timothy 4)



Business

PSE election fever

Biz Buzz
By the staff

Outsourcing, anyone?

SEC holdover

Out with the old, in with the new



BUSINESS



P6.2-B ADB-funded roadwork gets Neda's nod

BSP carefully monitors inflation pressures

By Michelle V. Remo

THE BANGKO Sentral ng Pilipinas fears that impending wage hikes and consumers' pessimistic outlook on prices may exert undue pressure on inflation.

But BSP Governor Amando Tetangco Jr. quickly pointed out that the central bank would immediately implement measures to keep overall inflation within the official cap should inflationary pressures go from bad to worse.

"We will continue to monitor developments, particularly the any signs of second-round effects and shifts in inflation expectations to ensure that our policy settings remain appropriate," Tetangco said.

Workers normally demand higher pay to cope with the

BSP B3

By Ronnel W. Domingo

THE NATIONAL Economic and Development Authority's investment coordination committee Cabinet committee has approved the first tranche of a P6.2-billion program for the improvement and maintenance of national roads.

Also, the Neda agreed to assist the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao by extending a P1.20-billion loan to fund anti-poverty programs in region.

In a statement, Neda said the Road Sector Institutional Development and Investment Program (RSIDIP) would be financed by the Asian Development Bank and implemented by the Department of Public Works and Highways.

The first phase of RSIDIP is expected to generate about 5,500 new jobs.

Also, a loan from the Japan International Cooperation Agency which was supposed to lapse this April, has been extended. The loan will be used for the ARMM's Social Fund Project (ASFP).

Neda said the 20-month ASFP extension will not entail additional costs.

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CebuPac bats for reciprocity in 'open skies' policy adoption

By Paolo G. Montecillo



GOKONGWEI

PNB profit up 61% to P3.54B

Who controls the money?

Money Matters
Randell Tiongson



San Miguel board OKs follow-on offering

Doris C. Dumlao

PDEx, Reuters to vie for right to operate forex trading system

By Daxim L. Lucas

Vista Land posts 31% rise in income

By Doris C. Dumlao

Ford exports up 7% in Q1

US automaker shipped out 9,858 units in 2010

P6.2-B...

More ATMs for MasterCard, Cirrus and Maestro Cardholders



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PLDT SME Nation unveils the Bossings of 2011: Heroes of Philippine business

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MOTORING

Editor Jang R. Arcano

Doors open for Manila Int'l Auto Show

27 brands display 300 vehicles at World Trade Center





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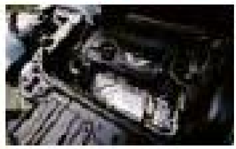
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Upsized MINI











MINI are called but few are chosen



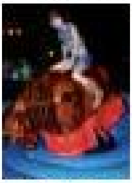
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Fun at MINI Country







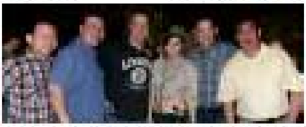




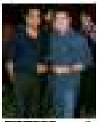














Tens of thousands join Hyundai cause

Text and photos by Chotet E. Bulan

LAST SATURDAY morning, a leading car company led an activity that attracted tens of thousands of individuals to get out of their cars and for a change, run or at least walk for 5 or 10 kilometers.

"This is the first time that an automotive company sponsored a running event here in the Philippines. [illegible]," announced Sr. Peter Aguilo, president and CEO of Hyundai Automotive Resources Inc.

Aguilo was indeed overwhelmed as over 24,000 showed up at the starting line of the Hyundai Run for a Cause held at the Quirino Grandstand in Manila.



AGUILO (center) together with Hari's Jean Edward Go (left) and Hari chair emeritus Richard Lee are delighted by the overwhelming number of runners who showed up at the Quirino Grandstand.



HARI chair emeritus Richard Lee fires the starting gun for the first batch of runners composed of Hari partners, celebrities and supporters.

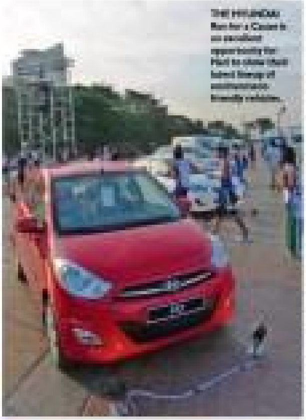
Welcome

"This is a welcome development for Hari as it kicks off its 10th anniversary celebration. With the overwhelming market support the company is enjoying at the moment, it is only fitting and proper that we recognize and thank everyone," said Aguilo.

With the Hyundai Run for a Cause event, Hari has officially begun four advocacy missions—PRO-Environment, PRO-People Empowerment, PRO-Pinoy, and PRO-Health and Well-Being—together with four chosen partners, namely Gawad Kalinga GK, St. Scholastica's Priory, Habitat for Humanity and Haribon Foundation.

PRO-People Empowerment will be sustained with partner Gawad Kalinga Center for Social Innovation. In previous partnerships, Hari has supported the GK through the construction of [illegible] schools, GK village[illegible], and by providing [illegible].

This time, Hari will not only provide [illegible] transport vehicles but will also [illegible] for professional counseling to new generation of social entrepreneurs in several [illegible] and [illegible] not only this year, but in the years to come.



THE HYUNDAI Run for a Cause is an excellent opportunity for Hari to show their latest lineup of environment-friendly vehicles.

For its PRO-Health and Well-Being advocacy, Hari has partnered with St. Scholastica's Priory. To honor Sister Mary John Mananzan, founder and executive director of the Institute of Women's Studies at St. Scholastica's College, Hari will help set up the [illegible] Hospital in the town of [illegible]. The 25-bed hospital will also offer a pediatric ward and laboratory services.

Fitting

Hyundai believed it's only fitting to honor [illegible] who was recently included in the "Women Deliver 100," a list that global advocacy organization Women Deliver prepared to recognize individuals who have committed themselves to improving the lives of girls and women around the world.

For its PRO-Pinoy advocacy, Hari has chosen Habitat for Humanity to forge an alliance that will provide decent homes for the marginalized sector of the society.

Beyond providing the structure, Hari will take steps to build these new homes in a nurturing and thriving environment to ensure the sustainability of the Filipino families.

The fourth advocacy is closest to Hari's heart as this will help the company realize its vision for a thriving and sustainable world "where cars, people and the planet coexist as one dynamic system."

The PRO-Environment campaign will be initiated together with the Haribon Foundation.

Over 24,000

Hari's partnership with Haribon started last year with activities at the [illegible] and the Caliraya [illegible] in Cavinti, Laguna. This time, Hari is set to donate over 24,000 native tree seedlings (the same number of individuals who registered for the Hyundai Run for a Cause) as well as initiate other similar programs.

"Hari is making a daring shift of perspective about the auto industry, instilling in the minds of the youth the possibility that even a car company can also make a positive impact on the environment through its long-term partnership with organizations like Haribon Foundation, one of the nation's most active environmental groups," said Aguilo.

Indeed, the Hyundai Run for a Cause maps out a new avenue for Hari to help propagate humanitarian advocacy.

With over 24,000 runners who heeded Hari's invitation last Saturday morning, the company is even more emboldened to embark on more worthy endeavors in the coming months.



FOTON Cagayan de Oro receives its prize as Best in Service Retention.

Foton honors top performers

FOTON MOTOR Phils. (FMPI) recently held its 2011 Dealers' Conference at the [illegible] in Clark, Pampanga, where principal leaders and senior executives of all 13 dealerships across the country were present to discuss their strategic plans for 2011. Foton China representatives were also present to show its commitment and support to the Philippine market.

As Asia's largest commercial vehicle manufacturer, Foton continues to create greater value for everyone by providing high quality vehicles at very affordable prices. FMPI reiterated its commitment in making Foton the premier commercial vehicle brand in the Philippines and they aspire to achieve this by putting their customers in the forefront of their business.

Among the highlights of the event was the presentation of awards to top performing Foton Dealers. Foton Balintawak was awarded "Best in Sales Market Share" and "Achievement of 2010 Sales Target"; Foton Pampanga won "Best in Service Sales per R/O" and "Achievement of 2010 Sales Target" while Foton Cagayan de Oro was awarded "Best in Service Retention."

With its continuing efforts in pursuing product excellence and customer satisfaction, Foton Motor Phils. continues to create a strong brand presence that is setting a new benchmark in the local automotive industry.

Toyota Financial fetes dealers

TOYOTA FINANCIAL Services Philippines Corporation (TFSPH) awarded top Toyota dealers in the recently concluded Toyota Dealer Conference held in Cebu.

TFSPH recognized Toyota dealers that have distinguished themselves under the company's annual award program. Chairman Antonio S. Abacan Jr., president [illegible], senior vice president [illegible] and treasurer [illegible] presented the awards to the dealer achievers in the Toyota network. The awardees from the Metro Manila area are Toyota Balintawak Inc., Toyota Banawe-Panlungsod Inc., Toyota Commonwealth Inc., Toyota Cubao Inc., Toyota Manila Bay Corp., Toyota Makati Inc., Toyota Pasig Inc., Toyota Quezon Avenue Inc. and Toyota Shaw Inc. The dealer achievers from the provincial area meanwhile are Toyota Batangas City Inc., Toyota Calamba Inc., Toyota Cagayan de Oro Inc., Toyota Cebu Inc., Toyota Davao Inc. and Toyota San Fernando Inc.

In the Metro Manila category, Toyota Otis Inc. & Toyota Cubao Inc. earned special awards for Best in Penetration Level and Dealer with Highest Number of Contracts respectively.

Toyota San Fernando bested all other dealers in the provincial category and bagged both distinctions.

As part of Toyota's global network of sales finance companies, TFSPH services the customers of Toyota through financing and leasing services, as well as inventory stock financing for Toyota dealers. TFSPH aims to become the foremost financing arm of choice for Toyota.

MOTORING



Big things come in small packages for Ford





PH-designed amphibious vehicle set to be launched

The CROC is also reportedly ideal for rescue operations, particularly during floods and other natural calamities.

By Jason K. Ang

THE PHILIPPINES, as one of the world's largest archipelagoes, also has one of the longest coastlines on the planet. With such a huge area to patrol, launching and maintaining patrolling it requires a well-trained military force, and just as importantly, an appropriate fleet of vehicles.

Enter the Coastal-Riverine-Overland Craft (CROC). [illegible]

The CROC starts out as a 4x4 land vehicle and by retracting its wheels, transforms into a high-speed powerboat capable of navigating in deep and shallow water.

On land, the CROC is projected to be capable of speeds up to 120 km/h, and with a 200-liter dual fuel tank, could attain a range of 1,000 km. [illegible]

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VIRTUALLY unsinkable, the CROC stays afloat even if its compartments are filled with water.

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The CROC is also reportedly ideal for rescue operations, particularly during floods and other natural calamities. [illegible]

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To provide quick egress, not to mention a touch of drama, the doors open gullwing style.

JAC Automobiles gaining ground in local market



THE JAC Rein model is a 4 x 4 with an excellent cross-country capability.

By Marlet Salazar

AUTOMOBILES MADE in China are slowly creeping in the Philippine market. While AUVs and SUVs are lording it over the Philippine roads, utility vehicles are quietly making inroads, according to Joseph Lim Sy of the Mitsui Group of Companies.

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JOSEPH Sy, here beside the Prince model of the JAC Light Trucks are as the executive vice president of the company.



A specially designed police vehicle.

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In Numbers

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Subaru, Russ Swift set to fire up MIAS



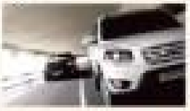
New tires and wheels for Russ

JOURNEY ALONG THE GOLDEN RULE OF CAR CARE

"Do unto your car as you do unto yourself."

You should work hard but play harder. You need to exercise but rest is also important. You should eat the healthy, nutritious food and pamper yourself from time to time. Go have your check-up with a doctor. You may have heard these lines a thousand times. Personal and friendly advice on how to live a healthy life to the fullest. And why not! Your body is your investment and you should invest wisely in it.

And what about your car? To tell you the truth, your car may work twice as hard as you. It takes you to and fro places every day and even on long, out-of-town vacations. It carries your load. It protects your family. And in return, you regularly feed your car when the gas tank runs low. You give it the occasional car wash to keep it clean on the outside. However, unlike yourself, we don't treat our cars like it's a temple. For most people, it's just a car.



Your car. Your life.

Realizing that your car is actually an investment is the first step. Just as you invest in yourself by caring for your body, you should take diligence in caring for your car as well. Your car needs the proper nutrients like authentic engine oils, brake & transmission fluids. They also need some pampering like rotating the tires and cleaning the aircon. Check ups and tune ups are important too, by changing the wipers and belts, replacing spark plugs and brake pads to ensure the health of your car. When you take care of your car, your car will take care of you. You get more mileage. You save more money from repairs and fuel costs. And you and your family, your passengers and the motorists who share the road are safer when your car runs at top shape.

The One Hyundai Value-Advantage



Avail of the Hyundai CAMP Preventive Maintenance Packages with your One Hyundai Club membership and earn points from these transactions through your HARI authorized dealer. Then, redeem the point for valuable, exclusive items from the Hyundai Brand Collection and/or the One Hyundai Lifestyle Rewards Basket!

This way, you do not just get to enjoy a stress-free journey this summer, you also enjoy the privileges of being a One Hyundai Club member.



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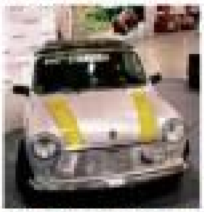
The Past and the Furious

MIAS 2011 Custom and Classic Car Competition











VOLVO'S 2020 VISION

Looking to the future where cars will no longer crash





Volvo's baby off to MIAS

'Swedish steel' to add modernity, refinement to motorshow



A Volvo that is not only fast and safe but also 'green'









THANKS of those who says Chevy doesn't cater to women? Certainly not the 1934 one two-seat.



A 1939 Chevrolet Half-Ton pickup imported into Thailand 70 years ago is still running.



A 1968 Chevrolet pickup that traveled 16,000 km from Brazil to Michigan for GM's 100th anniversary.



A 1956 Chevrolet Step-side pickup, powered by a 150-horsepower V8.

Bangkok Marvelous

The 32nd Bangkok Motor Show is an indication of Thailand's increasing regional influence

Text and photos by Jason K. Ang

THUNDERING PRESENTATIONS, glittering new cars, a couple of concept vehicles, alluring models and one global debut—these are some of the ingredients of the 2011 Bangkok Motor Show. The 14-day motor show is taking place at a new exhibition hall, Impact Challenger. Covering 60,000 square meters, the venue is an appropriate one for an industry that is growing by leaps and bounds.

The world debut is Chevrolet's new global midsize pickup, the Colorado. The new vehicle was revealed in "Show Truck" form, a close precursor to the production model, which will start rolling off the assembly plant in Thailand later this year. As a left-hand drive market, the Philippines is expected to receive the model also in late 2011. A handful of GM's top executives were on hand to show off the new pickup, from Ed Welburn, vice president of global design for GM (of 2010 Camaro fame), to Martin Apfel, president of GM South East Asia Operations. The new pickup is an effort to break into the lucrative market, particularly in Thailand. Apfel said that after the Bangkok show, he is looking forward to visiting the Manila International Auto Show for another exciting vehicle unveiling.

Stoking the pickup wars, just next door, Ford was showing off at its booth the new Ranger truck, in trademark Ford blue paint. The new Ranger is also a global vehicle, described as a 90th percent in size of the North American top seller, the F150.

Meanwhile, there were plenty of passenger cars on hand to please the hedonists and practical motorists alike. Here's a rundown of some of them:

Chevrolet had a CNG Aveo and a Cruze diesel on display. The Cruze diesel, powered by a 2.0 liter inline four, combined with a responsive six-speed automatic, is already available in Manila.

Mini had a display that seemed lifted from the set of "Tron." Blue lines crisscrossed the area, leading to, among others, a John Cooper Works hardtop, and a Mini Clubman S.

Mercedes-Benz showed off right-hand drive versions of a couple of new cars, including the all-new SLK hardtop roadster. The car on the floor did not sport the glass roof option, which has the ability to turn opaque or transparent at the touch of a switch. There was also the new generation of Mercedes' "four-door coupe," the CLS hardtop.



TOP GM executives including Brad Merkle, Ed Welburn, and GM Southeast Asia president Martin Apfel unveil the Colorado Show Truck.

BMW had a massive two-story display, with a row of its cars displayed on a shelf like so many Matchboxes. The newest on the main show floor is the new 6 Series convertible. There was one done in subdued gray, and one in eye-searing yellow.

Volvo displayed its safety, styled hatchbacks, sedans and wagons, from the C30 sport compact to the V50 wagon and XC60 crossover.

Honda is reasserting its personal supremacy in the A-class race with its new Brio hatchback. The Brio is roomy inside but quite compact, with a distinctive glass hatchback, a la Volvo C30.

Chery featured a modified A1 as part of a sportly styled lineup of hatchbacks.

As a country's motor show is an indication of how the country's auto industry is faring, Bangkok seems to be firing on all cylinders.



BMW had one of the most eye-popping booths at Bangkok, including a two-level display.



STRAIGHT from Britain, and ... Tron, ... the ... Mini Cooper display.



SAFETY (and beauty) first: ladies strike a pose flanking the Volvo V50 wagon.



SEEING yellow: BMW's ... at Bangkok ...



FAST and Furious: Chevrolet's world touring car champion Cruze ...

MOTORING



See. Drive. Buy.

Manila International Auto Show is a car buyer's dream venue



More new cars from the major brands set for local reveal









Before a taekwondo match, the referee calls 'cha riot' to fighters to get their attention. With the Genesis, Hari is raring for a streetfight

'Cha riot!'

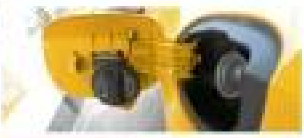
Hyundai Genesis is in the house

Text and photos by Tessa R. Salazar

IT'S EASY to develop tunnel vision in a sports car with the speedometer promising speeds in excess of 200 kph. In the cockpit of one such as Hyundai's attention-grabbing flagship model Genesis, the issue of spiking fuel prices is left far, far behind. Sights are set for the future, and how fast and stylish you'd want to arrive at it.







More new cars set for local reveal



CATS Motors goes digital with Mercedes-Benz iShowroom









MAG 1 Euro Blend offers engine protection



The MIAS amid the Japan crisis



On the Road



Aida Sevilla-Mendoza

Editor Thelma Sioson San Juan

LIFESTYLE Home & Entertaining

This time, it's the 'intuitive TV experience'



Singapore Forum rolls out products of smart design, connectivity –access Facebook while watching show on same TV set

SOUTH KOREAN electronics giant Samsung just rolled out Notebook Series 9, the world's thinnest and lightest notebook computer. And with the big reveal, it served up just right amount of excitement to whet the appetite of consumers as the brand slowly unveils its lineup for 2011.

At the recent Samsung Forum 2011 held at the Marina Bay Sands Expo and Convention Center in Singapore, the buzzwords were smart design, connectivity and experiences, as the company showed off an array of new products that are designed to communicate with one another, for optimized user experience.

Samsung Forum is an annual regional product presentation for media and Samsung business partners in Southeast Asia, Oceania and Taiwan.

This time, it's the 'intuitive TV experience'



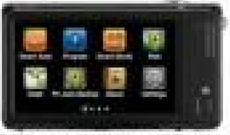
















Market dominance

Upgraded smartphone

Eco-friendly appliances

Art, culinary, swimming, speed-reading classes for kids and teens

Kiddie cook-off at ASHA

Do-it-yourself

Your memories deserve a good frame



CHOOSE frames that is at least 1½ inches, for wood or metal hollow frames.

Hollow frames give your collectibles due importance and turn them into truly decorative pieces

GIVE YOUR little collectibles more interest and importance by setting them up in hollow frames of their own.

These could simply be made from wood, or go the extra mile and have them made in metal. They will not only enhance the objects, but give balance to the entire display.

A good tip to follow in choosing the material or color that would best fit your needs is to go with contrasts. If you have a light-colored piece made of wood, a metal or wood frame in a darker color would be the best choice.

For more detailed or ornate pieces, a plain frame or one with clean lines would be the perfect foil so as not to distract from the object of interest.

For wood or metal hollow frames, choose a thickness of at least 1½ inches.



FOR LIGHT-COLORED pieces made of wood, use a metal or wood frame in a darker shade.

Why you have to read the fine print

Everything you sign is legally binding, an expert says

THE CONSUMER

YOU'VE HEARD the advice, "Always read the fine print." But how many actually do so when signing anything?

Unwanted provisions

Feedback

LIFESTYLE *Parenting*

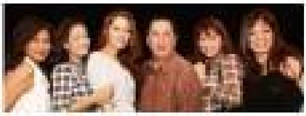
Summer lessons for your kids

Chase away their boredom with programs that mix fun and learning















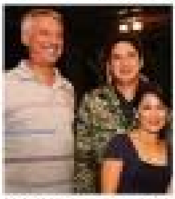




Kalaw brood throws a rock'n'roll party for Dad

WITHOUT BATTING AN EYELASH

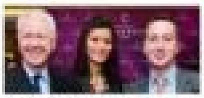






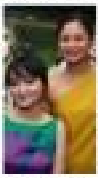












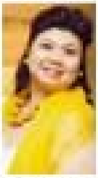
Exclusive scent of Charriol

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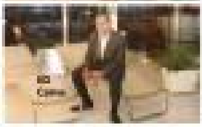


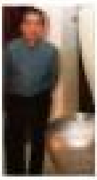






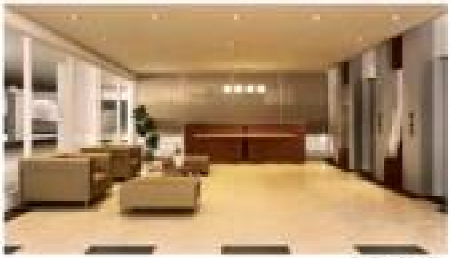








Homebuyers find a good investment in Avida Towers Alabang



Rendition of the lobby

Amidst the burgeoning supply of affordable condominiums and the continuous tightening of competition in the real estate industry, Avida Land Corp., the affordable arm of property giant Ayala Land, Inc., remains its stronghold among homebuyers and investors.

Avida Towers Alabang, one of Avida's newest condominium projects, has incredibly taken in sales and is continuously gaining market interest. Most of its buyers are families, local investors, expatriates, as well as young professionals from Muntinlupa, Las Piñas, and other areas in Southern Luzon who have found a good investment in the residential project due to its prime location and the numerous lifestyle opportunities it affords.

The first tower of the two-tower project is nearly sold out, while the second tower was recently launched last March 13, 2011 at Corte de las Palmas in Alabang Town Center, offering a fresh supply of units for prospective buyers.

Prime location

Avida Towers Alabang sits on a 5,000-square meter land within Ayala Land's Madrigal Business Park, making it a prime location for individuals who want to have a balanced lifestyle.

Alabang houses a booming commercial and business district in Muntinlupa City and is minutes away from Makati where many offices and business establishments dwell.

And since it is located within the Madrigal Business Park, a huge commercial zone, Avida Towers Alabang is close to many restaurants, shops and supermarkets.

Future residents of Avida Towers Alabang will also not miss out on leisure and relaxing activities as it is not far from the attractions of the South such as Batangas, Laguna and Tagaytay.

With its strategic location, residents will have less time on the road and more time for their family, hobbies, and other things that they enjoy.

Upscale lifestyle made more affordable

Avida Towers Alabang makes the upscale lifestyle of the famed location more affordable. For the prime location it affords as well as the quality of the development it gives, it comes at the best price.

For as low as P1.6 million, buyers have the option of selecting from studio, one-bedroom and two-bedroom units.

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Summer lessons for your kids

From page B1

By Pam Pastor

Cooking

What: Global City Innovative College offers five-day programs for food-loving kids ages 7 to 16 this summer in a Young Chefs' Discovery Camp.

The three programs are Global Flavors, Asian Flavors and Baking & Pastry. In Global Flavors, kids will be taught about kitchen safety and cleanliness, will be given a tour of Market! Market!'s Fiesta Market and Green Roof Organic Garden, will be taught how to make sandwiches, pizza, pasta, breakfast items and American and Mexican dishes. They will also be asked to participate in a Junior Iron Chef Cook-off.

In the Asian Flavors program, kids will learn about kitchen safety and cleanliness and they will go on a tour of Market! Market!'s Fiesta Market and Green Roof Organic Garden before they are taught how to prepare Asian appetizers, noodles, rice dishes, snacks and desserts. The program will end with a cook-off as well.

The Baking & Pastry program includes lessons on safety and cleanliness and will teach kids how to make pancakes, brownies, muffins, French toast, cookies, crepes, tarts, pies, cupcakes and mini-cakes. There will be a bake-off on the fifth day.

Where: Day 1 of the program will be held at the Global Culinary [illegible] Experience Center Serendra (second floor) above Chateau; days 2 to 5 will be held at Global Life via Bonifacio Global City (Kalayaan Ave., Makati).

When: April 11 to 15 (Asian Flavors, Global Flavors), April 25-29 and 28-30 (Global Flavors, Baking & Pastry), May 2 to 6 (Asian Flavors, Global Flavors), May 9 to 13 (Global Flavors, Baking & Pastry), May 16 to 20 (Asian Flavors, Global Flavors), May 23 to 27 (Global Flavors, Baking & Pastry)

How much: P7000, inclusive of apron, toque, ingredients for all recipes, recipe booklets and certificate of completion

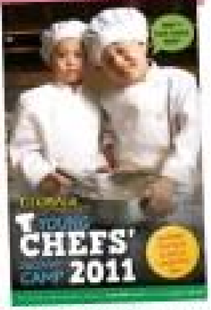
More: E-mail [illegible] or call [illegible]. Look for Ms. Sophia.



ELECTRIC guitar class



A GRADUATE of Ming Ong Maon's I Can Do art workshop



COOKING classes will be fun for your little Rachael Ray or Jamie Oliver



MAIGEE Music Studios

Music

What: Maigee Music Studios offer summer courses for aspiring musicians, dancers and singers. There are one-on-one sessions on guitar, voice, trumpet, piano, saxophone, flute and music theory. There are also group sessions on guitar (juvenile, progressive and electric guitar), voice (juvenile, progressive), dance (juvenile and progressive street dance), musical theater, jazz (juvenile and progressive) and camps and session (for toddlers and for kids 7 and up).

Where: Maigee Music Studios, 11 Dr. Lazcano St., Diliman Quezon City

When: Ongoing

How much: Prices range from P5000 to P9000 for the one-on-one and group packages, depending on the lessons and the number of sessions. Some classes are free. Today's free classes include First Notes (juvenile guitar class) at 10 a.m., Hip Hoppers (juvenile streetdance class for kids) at 11 a.m., Vocal Kinder (juvenile voice class for kids) at 1 p.m. and Glee Lab (musical theater for kids) at 3 p.m.

Tomorrow, April 7: Hip-hoppers at 11 a.m. and First Notes at 1 p.m. On Friday, April 8: Vocal Kinders for Teens at 10 a.m., Hip-Hoppers for Adults at 11 a.m. and Voice Development on Karaoke at 4 p.m. On Saturday, April 9: Minor 5th's (dance and motion for toddlers) at 1 p.m., Major 7 (dance and motion for kids 7 and up) at 2 p.m., Auto Hip-hop (juvenile hip-hop) at 2 p.m. and Voice Development on Karaoke at 4 p.m.

More: Call [illegible] or e-mail [illegible]. You can also find them on Facebook or follow @maigeemusic on Twitter.

Art and Jewelry

What: Jewelry designer Ming Ong Maon of [illegible] is holding art and jewelry workshops for kids this summer.

"We will teach your kids basic art history, concepts and theories in an enjoyable way by making arts and crafts projects and accessories," she said. Little boys are welcome to join, too. "We can customize our modules to accommodate them. The workshop will end with a kiddie fashion show and exhibit on the last day.

Where: [illegible] Fashion Art Store in Kamuning, Quezon City

When: Workshop starts on April 25

How much: P3500 for five, two-hour sessions. Fee includes workshop materials, snacks and certificate.

More: Call [illegible] or e-mail [illegible]

ENTERTAINMENT



SLIMED! Actor Jim Carrey gets his share of Nickelodeon's signature green goop when a hot air balloon filled with slime exploded over his head at Nick's 24th Annual Kids' Choice Awards on April 2 in Los Angeles. AP

End of 'pasa load' affair

RUSHES

MARRIED Director fell in love with Pretty Starlet, a sweet-looking fat player, on the set.

Turned out, PS wasn't so innocent. She knew that MD was smitten, so she led him on. At first, PS' demands were petty—just cell phone load worth P500, so she could text MD more often. The P500 soon turned into P1,000 and MD started avoiding PS. Later, he was shocked to learn she was doing a soft porn flick. That ended the pasa load affair.

Unforgiven

Formidable Manager hasn't forgiven Prodigal Ward.

PW landed a plum role in a major project bankrolled by Veteran Producer, FM's friend.

PW almost lost the part because FM waged a campaign to convince VP to change the cast. PW, however, fought tooth and nail for the role. Last time we checked, it was PW 1, FM 0. But the tide could easily turn.

Pinoy, predator

Handsome Hunk was once sought after in the gay community for his, uh, gifts.

But HH got hooked on drugs and disappeared for a while. When he staged a come-

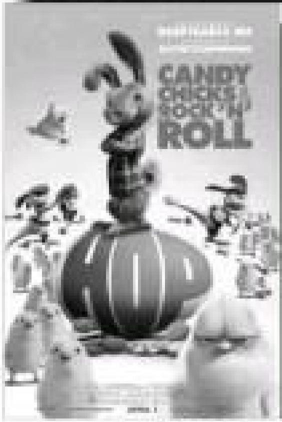
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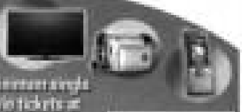
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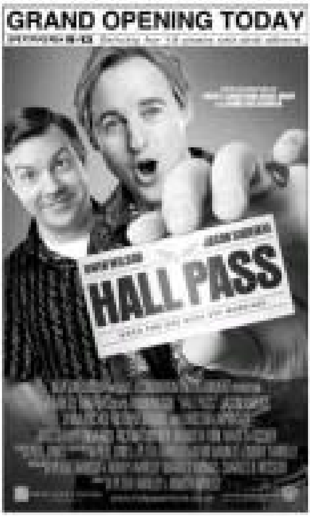
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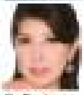
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Dennis moves on—quickly

DOLLY WOOD



Dolly Anne Carvajal

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Best of friends

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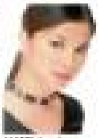
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No cheesy moments

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End of 'pasa load' affair

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ANGEL Locsin

Secret weapon

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Top of the Talk Shows

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JOEY de Leon

ENTERTAINMENT

'Walking the Waking Journey'

Tibetan monk rescues 11 children and takes them home to Nepal; Pinoy filmmaker documents harrowing mountain trek





CENTURIES-OLD Stupa Shrine serves as gateway to Nepal village in Upper Dolpo, Nepal.

Harrowing

GARFIELD — BY JIM DAVIS



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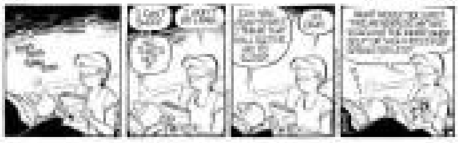


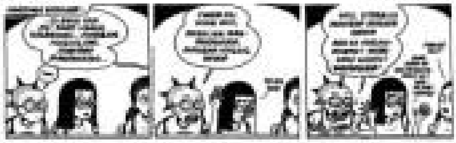
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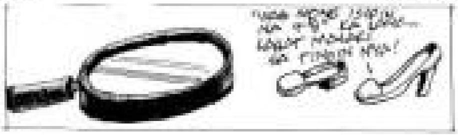
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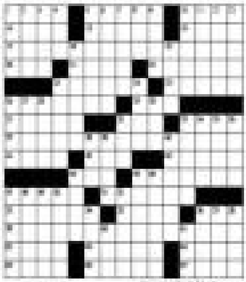
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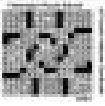
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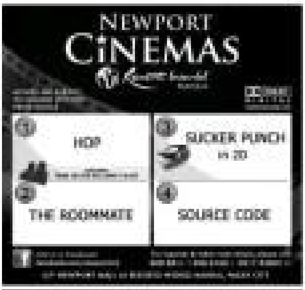


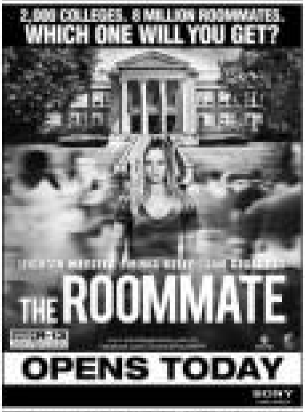














'Walking the Waking Journey'



LAMA Tenzin and the two 11-year-old boys under his care

the grueling climb.

When the group reached the trek's highest point at 18,000 feet above sea level, Ardaya wanted to quit, Bahong recalled. "He started crying from sheer exhaustion. He asked us to leave him behind." Bahong refused and held Ardaya's hand until he recovered.

One of the children got sick, too, as did Lama Tenzin's sister, Pema, who went along to look after the kids.

Pure faith

"We had only two weeks for preproduction," Bahong recalled, adding that the only thing that sustained the crew was "pure faith" in the project.





BOUDHANATH, one of the most sacred sites in Kathmandu, Nepal



"We are all childhood friends," Bahong said.

He said, "We are choosing some footage to continue our 'Walking Journey.'"

